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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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*Confirmation No.:* 2174 }  
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*Application No.:* 10/058,508 }  
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*Invention:* COMPOSITE PROSTHETIC BEARING }  
 CONSTRUCTED OF POLYETHYLENE }  
 AND AN ETHYLENE-ACRYLATE }  
 COPOLYMER AND METHOD FOR }  
 MAKING THE SAME }  
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*Applicant:* Richard King et al. }  
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*Docket:* 265280-68188 }  
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*Examiner:* Edmund H. Lee }

**DATED: JULY 10, 2006**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action of January 9, 2006. In this regard, please consider the following:

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**